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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: PARATROOPS MUTINY: SITREP NO. THREE

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1. ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE WHICH WAS READ OVER STATE RADIO (EN) AND TELEVISION (RTP) SHORTLY AFTER 2:00 PM. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT REBELLIOUS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL FROM TANCOS HAD ASSAULTED AIR BASES AT MONTIJO, MONTE REAL, AND TANCOS; THAT THIS WAS A SENSELESS ACTION CARRIED OUT BY MUTINEERS (SUBLEVADOS) WHO WERE VICTIMS OF "CRIMINAL MANIPULATION"; THAT FORCE WAS NOT BEING USED YET AGAINST MUTINEERS TO AVOID A "GRAVE SITUATION"; THAT THE REBELLION WAS ONLY OSTENSIBLY DIRECTED AGAINST MORAIS DA SILVA AND PINHO FREIRE; AND THAT THE SITUATION WAS NOT RPT NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR. COMMUNIQUE STATED IN CONCLUSION THAT FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE PROVIDED WHEN CONCRETE DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

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2. RADIO CLUBE PORTUGES ALSO BROADCAST COMMUNIQUE

FROM MUTINOUS PARATROOPERS AT 2:00 PM. PARATROOPERS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY OCCUPIED BASES AS RESPONSE TO "MANEUVERS" AGAINST WORKING CLASS BY REACTIONARY AIR FORCE LEADERS. THEY CALLED FOR DISMISSAL OF 1ST AIR ZONE COMMANDER PINHO FREIRE, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF MORAIS DA SILVA, AND AIR FORCE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MEMBERS CANTO E CASTRO AND COSTA NEVES. THEY FURTHER DEMANDED THAT MAJOR OPERATIONAL UNITS IN AIR FORCE BE COMMANDED BY "REVOLUTIONARY" OFFICERS. NO INDICATION FROM WHERE MUTINEERS WERE TALKING.

3. AT 1:30 PM RTP HAD REPORTED THAT GENERAL PINHO FREIRE WAS BEING DETAINED BY MUTINEERS AT MONTE REAL, BUT THAT WORKERS FROM THE BASE HAVE CONDEMNED ITS OCCUPATION AS A "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACT". RTP ALSO REPORTED THAT OTELO MET EARLY THIS MORNING WITH DELEGATION FROM "JOINT COMMITTEES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS", WHO REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO ACCEPT ORDERS FROM ANYONE BUT OTELO.  
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